

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/593,644
Response filed April 24, 2009
Reply to OA dated February 4, 2009

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. No amendment is made in this Response. It is believed that this Response is fully responsive to the Office Action dated February 4, 2009.

Claims 1-9 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14 of copending Application No. 10/574,844. (Office action paragraph no. 6)

The rejection is obviated by the filing of a terminal disclaimer over copending application no. 10/574,844. The terminal disclaimer papers are filed concurrently with this Response.

Claims 1-9 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 8 and 9 copending Application No. 11/174,219. (Office action paragraph no. 7)

The rejection is obviated by the filing of a terminal disclaimer over copending application no. 11/174,219. The terminal disclaimer papers are filed concurrently with this Response.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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